

March 8th, 1926.

Minutes of the Ninety-First Regular Meeting of the State Highway Commission held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

Hal Moseley, Chairman
John M. Cage, Member
John H. Bickett, Sr., Member

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that the designation be recognized as made by the former board as a connection with the Bankhead Highway beginning at the town of Strawn, Palo Pinto County, to Thurber and Stephenville, Erath County, thence to Hico and Hamilton, in Hamilton County, through Lampasas in Lampasas County, through town of Burnet in Burnet County, and through Johnson City, Blanco County, from Strawn to Lampasas be recognized as formerly designated on condition that the road be put into condition for acceptance by the first day of July 1926 to be taken over for maintenance. The road from Johnson City to San Antonio is now designated. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Cage that the road from Hico, Hamilton County, to Chalk Mountain, Erath County, a distance of 14 miles be designated as a State Highway. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett with reference to oil and gasoline contract, that the former motion awarding contract to the Pearce Oil Company for oil and gasoline for the current year be rescinded and that bids again be advertised for. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett that Starr County be granted two thirds aid on the entire project on Highway No. 12 to be applied as requested, that this aid also absorb about seven or eight thousand dollars previously granted on F.A.P.337-A, Job 214-A. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Cage that additional aid be granted Hidalgo County as per applications submitted on Job 109-B F.A.P.301 to the extent of \$49,481.36, and that additional aid be granted at the same time on Job 109-E, F.A.P.470 to the extent of \$34,890.27. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett that the matter of putting a rock asphalt top on the old Gonzales Road, Highway No. 31, from the Wilson County line to San Antonio, in Bexar County, connecting with the now existing bituminous road from San Antonio south, a distance of approximately five miles, that this work be advertised in regular form and money be allotted for 50% of the cost of this work from the maintenance fund, the county participating to the extent of 50% of the total cost. Seconded by Mr. Cage. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Cage, that a Resident Engineer be appointed to make plans and surveys for Highway No. 29 in Victoria County, and that the Highway Engineer be instructed to see what federal aid could be obtained. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, on the Highway Engineer's recommendation that in Wilson County the retainage be paid on the following projects:

434-A	\$35,802.54
440-A	12,862.44
440-B	10,876.70
440-C	9,560.88
	<u>69,102.56</u>

that 80% of the above amount, or \$55,282.04 be paid. In order to complete this transaction satisfactory to all records, it is contemplated to change the arrangement of the construction work on unit basis, which the above amount stated will apply as a semi-final on unit 1

when fully completed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that letter to Dan Moody, Attorney General, in answer to his letter to the Commission as of March 4th, be handed to Mr. Moseley for his signature or disposal as he sees fit. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that the State Highway Engineer communicate with Fort Bend County that a compromise may be reached and contract be awarded to M. M. Cravens & Son on 6" concrete base with cold asphalt top, as low bidder on this type, if satisfactory with Fort Bend County, and that upon Mr. Losh's recommendation, in which Mr. Kemper agrees with Mr. Losh, that the steel in base and the sand cushion be eliminated. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that contracts in Clay County on F.A.P. 448 A & B and F.A.P. 449 A & B be awarded to the Thurber Construction Company in amounts of \$341,811.36, and \$480,650.97, these being the lowest and best bids on this work and recommended by the State Highway Engineer, and Federal District Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded Mr. Bickett, that contract on Job 146-A, F.A.P. 352, 34.7 miles of Highway No. 3 in Liberty County be awarded to F.P. McElrath, whose bid price is \$419,219.67, as being the low and best bid and recommended by the State Highway Engineer and endorsed by the Federal District Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Cage, that with regard to this award to F.P. McElrath that in the event it could be worked out, it would be approved to eliminate that section of the contract with reference to shell road on the east section from Devers and this is agreed to by Mr. Bell, representing Mr. McElrath. Motion carried.

Approval of the Commission was given requesting the Equipment Engineer to make requisition for one Buick roadster as per bids submitted.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that the Commission approve the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer for the final settlement with Edwards County on F.A.P. 70-B.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Cage, that \$35,000.00 not to exceed 50% aid, which includes the transfer of approximately \$15,000.00 from the east end of project on Highway No. 21 in Madison County, to the west end, be allotted on the west end, and that the Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that A. McCormick be appointed Division Engineer, Division No. 17 with headquarters at Caldwell, Texas, to relieve Mark Swain, present Division Engineer. Effective March 25th.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that on the recommendation of the Highway Engineer, contract for $\frac{1}{2}$ " surface treatment of limestone rock asphalt on one mile of what is known as the Garrity Road, a section of the Post Road entering San Antonio, Bexar County, be awarded to Colglazier & Hoff, on their bid submitted of 36¢ per square yard. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that on the recommendation of the Highway Engineer contract on F.A.P. 487-C, Ellis County, grading and drainage structures, be awarded to Culverhouse & Jones, Sulphur Springs, Texas, as low and best bid according to tabulation, their bid price being \$20,365.54. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that contract on F.A.P. 385-C, Ellis County, grading and drainage structures, be awarded to L. D. Everett, McKinney, Texas, as low and best bid, his bid being \$13,054.10. This award is subject to the full approval of the Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, on the recommendation of the Highway Engineer, contract on concrete bridge and approaches on S.A.P. 563-B, Erath County, be awarded to the McClung Construction Company, Fort Worth, Texas as low and best bid, their bid being \$40,588.19. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that on the recommendation of the Highway Engineer contract for grading and drainage structures on 5.6 miles F.A.P.457-A Cass County, be awarded to Pinckney B. Price & Co., Paris, Texas, as low and best bid, their bid being \$59,781.59. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that on the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, approval of the award of contract as made by the Commissioners' Court of Panola County to Chas. Epps, San Augustine, Texas, as low and best bid on the work as a whole on F.A.P. 482-A, Panola County, be given, his bid being \$59,159.15. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that on the recommendation of the Highway Engineer, the Commission approve contract as awarded by the Commissioners' Court of Panola County on March 4th on F.A.P.636, Job 183-H, Panola County, to low bidder, Chas. Epps, whose bid was \$32,654.70. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that bid on Job 19-W S.A.P.644, Bowie County, 6.9 miles graveling, received on March 4th, 1926, at New Boston and awarded by the Commissioners' Court that this Commission disapprove the award for such work under the conditions as recommended by the Division Engineer's report and upon the recommendation of the Highway Engineer, and that the Commissioners' Court of Bowie County be so advised that such action has been taken, and all bids be rejected and readvertisement be made for bids on this work to be handled in regular manner. Motion carried.

* Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that contract on S.A.P.674, Garza County, timber bridge over Yellow House Canyon, be awarded to the Austin Bridge Company, Dallas, Texas, as low and best bid amounting to \$13,924.97.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Cage, that W. C. Yeager be appointed Division Engineer, Division No. 12, with headquarters at Houston, Texas, to relieve W. L. S. Mantel, now Division Engineer in that division. Effective March 25th. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bickett, seconded by Mr. Cage, that U. F. Shirar be appointed Section Foreman in Leon County, Division No. 17, to relieve J. L. West, effective March 25th. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett, that the work on S.A.P.621, Grimes County, be awarded to Thomas & Ratliff, Rogers, Texas, taking the job as a whole, and that instructions be given and included in the specifications submitted with the contract to be signed by Thomas & Ratliff, that work in 1926 only includes grading and drainage structures and gravel surfacing and that topping be of the single bituminous surface treatment, top to be applied only when the surface of gravel in the opinion of the State Highway Engineer is ready to receive such treatment. Motion carried.

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Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Bickett that approval be given of the award of contract on S.A.P. 660 Job 233-K in Val Verde County as made by the Commissioners' Court of Val Verde County to Hayner & Burns, as best bid on the above job, amount of this bid being \$7,210.92, this approval being recommended by the State Highway Engr. Motion carried.

Resolution pertaining to maintenance of Red River Bridge on State Highway No. 28 between Oklaunion, Texas, Wilbarger County, and Davidson, Oklahoma.

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that in accordance with provision of Senate Bill 254, Special Act of the 39th Legislature, the same being Chapter 245 of the Local and Special Laws of that session of the Legislature, which provided for the construction and maintenance of the Red River Bridge mentioned above, whereas this bridge has been constructed and opened up as a free bridge between the States of Texas and Oklahoma, therefore, be it ordered that the Commission will grant aid to Wilbarger County to the extent necessary for the payment not to exceed 50% of the total cost of the maintenance of the bridge as outlined in agreement for the biennial period ending September 1, 1927. Motion carried.

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Hal Moseley, present
John M. Cage, present

Motion by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Gillespie County be given to January 1, 1927, to meet the requirements of the Highway Department relative to specifications of Pecan Belt Highway in that county, and that the highway engineers be directed to complete the survey from Fredericksburg to Kerrville at the earliest possible time, and further that the engineers be instructed to furnish this Department and the Commissioners' Court of Gillespie County with an estimate of the probable cost of constructing a first-class graveled highway along the surveyed route through the county. Motion carried.

F.A.P. 466-G, Galveston County. Motion made by Mr. Cage, seconded by Mr. Moseley that Galveston County be granted \$75,045.00 Federal Aid and as much State aid as will be required to finance this project to completion with the County funds of \$75,464.06, provided for in the resolution submitted with formal application, and that the total aid, State and Federal, not to exceed \$150,928.10. In any event the County funds to be amount as stated above, must be available for this construction. Motion carried.

APPROVED:

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State Highway Engineer

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Chairman State Highway Comm.

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Member State Highway Comm.

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Secretary State Highway Comm.